
INTRODUCTION TO SA/IH PROGRAM

**SA-5000 INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN- HOME (SA/IH)
PROGRAM**

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I. BACKGROUND

The Special Assistance In-Home Program (SA/IH) provides an alternative to placement in a SA facility by providing a cash supplement to individuals who desire and are able to live at home safely with additional supportive services. Established in September 2000 as a demonstration project, SA/IH became a permanent statutory program in 2007. In July 2012, Session Law (S.L.) 2012-142, requires participation in the SA/IH program by all county departments of social services by February 15, 2013.

The 2007 legislation allows the number of SA In-Home recipients to expand up to 15% of the total state-wide SA caseload. [§108A-47.1](#). S.L. 2012 -142 allows the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to waive the 15% limit.

II. BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Individuals who wish to receive an SA/IH payment must be eligible for full Medicaid under Medicaid categorically needy guidelines; be otherwise eligible for Special Assistance; have an FL- 2 indicating a need for licensed residential facility level of care (such as an adult care home or supervised living group home) signed by a licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, and have an assessment and service plan that indicates the individual can live safely at home with services and the SA/IH payment.

III. COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION

The SA/IH program requires a collaborative effort between the SA Income Maintenance Caseworker (IMC) and the adult services case manager in determining that the applicant and/or recipient (a/r) meets all eligibility criteria, the amount of the SA payment and that the a/r's needs can be met safely at home.

The eligibility criteria and the *maximum* allowable amount of the payment are determined by the SA IMC.

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The determination of how the a/r's needs will be met safely in the home and the *recommended* amount of the SA payment is made by the adult service case manager.

Therefore, in order to complete this process and to provide best practice for the recipient, it is imperative to establish and maintain open lines of communication between the two workers. [SAIHCM-5600, Case Management Policies and Procedures, Appendix A, SA/IH Flow Chart](#), outlines the process of taking an application from intake to implementation of services and payment authorization.